

## **Election Observer Panel Plan**

General Election November 2, 2010

#### I. County & System Information

Shasta County Contact: Cathy Darling Allen County Clerk, Registrar of Voters

1-530-225-5166

Vendor & Voting Systems: Sequoia Optical Scan Paper Ballots – Central Count 400C

#### II. Purpose

The Election Observer Panel is invited to observe all critical procedures of the election process, including Logic and Accuracy testing of high speed paper ballot counters, absentee ballot processing, election officer trainings, Election Day activities, Election Night ballot counting, and canvass procedures.

#### III. Invite

Between E-60 and E-30, letters of invitation will be sent to the following:

- ♦ County Grand Jury
- ♦ Board of Supervisors, CAO, City Managers, and City Clerks
- ♦ Representatives from all county central committees
- ♦ Other groups or individuals who have expressed an interest in observing the election process

#### IV. Duties, General Rules of Conduct

#### Observers may:

- Observe the proceedings at the polls including the opening and closing procedures
- ♦ Obtain information from the precinct index that is posted near the entrance
- Make notes and watch all procedures
- View all activities at the central counting site on Election Day
- View the canvass of the vote activities following the election
- View absentee and provisional ballot processing
- Ask questions of staff or voters at the polls
- Ask questions of supervisors at the central counting site

#### Observers are responsible for:

- Checking in at each site, whether polling place or central counting site
- Wearing an identification badge
- Maintaining a professional manner while observing the election processes
- Ensuring they do not interfere with the election process

#### Observers may not:

- Interfere in any way with the conduct of the election
- ◆ Touch any voting materials or equipment or sit at the official worktables
- Converse with voters (within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place) regarding the casting of a vote, or speak to a voter regarding his or her qualifications to vote
- Display any election material or wear campaign badges, buttons or apparel
- Wear the uniform of a peace officer, a private guard, or security personnel
- Talk to central counting site workers while they are processing ballots
- ♦ Use the telephones, computers, or other polling place facilities at polling places or the central counting site
- ♦ Touch election personnel
- Eat or drink at the polls or the central counting site
- Assist in operations at any polling place



## **Election Observer Instructions**

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Please read these Election Observer Instructions. Observers who violate these instructions may be asked to leave the work area for the remainder of the day.

The California Election Code provides for the public, candidates, committees, and parties to observe ballot counting, vote-by-mail and provisional ballot verification.

Whenever possible, persons or groups wishing to observe should contact our office at least 24 hours in advance. To avoid disrupting any election process, the Registrar of Voters may limit the number of observers.

Observers must sign in with a Registrar of Voters staff and must wear election specific Election Observer badge for security purposes.

Observers may not disrupt the working environment of the Registrar of Voters staff and/or the Poll Workers and must:

- ♦ Keep all conversations to a minimum, at the lowest possible tone in order to not distract staff from their work
- Keep at arms length from the staff at all times and never touch a staff member
- ♦ While in the Election's office, all questions and concerns must be addressed to the Registrar of Voters, the Assistant Registrar of Voters or the Supervisor of the deptartment

Radios, cameras, tape recorders, or recording devices of any type are not allowed.

Observers may not use cell phones inside the department. Please set the ring on silent or turn off the phone. Department phones are not for public use.

The Office of the Registrar of Voters and all polling places are strictly non-partisan. Please avoid partisan comments and discussions while in these areas.

Observers cannot touch any paper ballot or electronic ballot cartridge.

Observers cannot enter restricted areas within the election's office unless accompanied by an election official with appropriate security level.

Please read the Election Observer Panel Plan for more information.

Thank you for your interest and feel free to comment back to us after your experience.

Shasta County Clerk & Registrar of Voters

1643 Market Street, Redding, CA 96001

530-225-5730



# **Election Observer Activities**

#### General Election November 2, 2010

You are invited to be present during any of our election processes and procedures that are going on daily. If you would like to represent your organization as an election observer, please notify Cathy Darling Allen by e-mail at cdarling@co.shasta.ca.us or by phone at 530-225-5166.

Observers will be provided with the information they need to observe any or all of these activities. All of the following procedures will take place at the Elections Department: 1643 Market St., Redding, CA 96001, unless otherwise noted.

#### **Detail of Activities**

- *Vote-By-Mail Ballot Mailings* Ballots were mailed the week of **October 4<sup>th</sup>** and will continue through **Tuesday**, **October 26<sup>th</sup>**. More than 330 ballots have already been mailed to our overseas and military voters. **Tuesday**, **October 12<sup>th</sup>** vote-by-mail ballots will start to be keyed in as received and signatures verified.
- Logic and Accuracy Testing of the 400C Central Count Units This is scheduled to start the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please call for exact times.
- Vote-By-Mail Ballot Processing This begins Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 a.m. Elections Code §15101 allows election officials to begin processing Vote-by-Mail ballots 7 business days prior to the election. Activities include: opening ballot envelopes, removing ballots, duplicating damaged ballots, and preparing the ballots to be counted. Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, while the 400C is tabulating votes, no vote totals will be accessed or released to anyone, including election officials, until after the polls close at 8 p.m., November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- *Election Day* Enclosed is a list of polling sites that will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Any person must be allowed to observe any procedure at the polls (except as to how one voted). Persons are permitted to observe voting but **MUST NOT INTERFERE** with the duties of the Elections Officers. They may not handle official ballots or intrude upon the voting process.
- Election Night Procedures After the polls close, results from the Vote-by-Mail ballots that have been processed prior to 8 p.m. Election Day, will be released at the office. This information may also be obtained on our web site <a href="www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us">www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us</a>. Officers who have worked the polls will bring their ballots from the polls to the County Clerk/Elections Department for the votes to be compiled. Ballots from the precincts will be tabulated at the central counting location and totals released periodically throughout the night. Semi-official election night results will be available in hardcopy form at the office and on our web site once all precinct ballots are processed.
- Official Canvass of the vote This begins on **Thursday**, **November 4**<sup>th</sup>, which includes processing all remaining ballots, researching provisional ballots, auditing the polls, and conducting a 1% manual tally of all paper ballots.
- *Certified Statement of Vote* Pursuant to Elections Code §15372, the elections official shall prepare a certified statement of the results of the election within 28 days of the election.

# Polling Sites for November 2, 2010 General Election Vote-By-Mail Ballot Return - <u>Election Day Only</u>

You will not have a polling site because there are fewer than 250 voters in your voting precinct. No postage is required to return your ballot.

Anderson Fire Station		
Anderson Veterans Hall		
Cloverdale Community Church		
Cloverdale Fire Hall		
Happy Valley Fire Hall		
Neighborhood Church of Anderson	4684 Rhonda Rd	Anderson
Seventh Day Adventist Church	2769 N Balls Ferry Rd	Anderson
St Michael's Episcopal Church	3001 Rupert Rd	Anderson
Verde Vale School/Room 1	19415 Jacqueline St	Anderson
True Life Church	11958 Deschutes Rd	Bella Vista
California Dept of Forestry/Johnson Park	37966 State Highway 299 E	Burney
Presbyterian Church	Corner of Main & Marquette	Burney
First Baptist Church	Corner of Brush & High Sts	Cottonwood
North Cottonwood School	19920 Gas Point Rd	Cottonwood
West Valley High School/Wrestling Room	3805 Happy Valley Rd	Cottonwood
Fall River Mills Veterans Hall		
French Gulch - Whiskeytown School	11442 Cline Gulch Rd	French Gulcl
Hat Creek Community Church	18735 V N Ln	Hat Creek
Lions Club	20814 Mammoth Dr	Lakehead
Millville Elementary School	8570 Brookdale Rd	Millville
Oak Run Bible Church	13595 Althea Way	Oak Run
Junction Elementary School/Board Room	9087 Deschutes Rd	Palo Cedro
North Cow Creek School	10619 Swede Creek Rd	Palo Cedro
Palo Cedro Fire Hall	9418 Deschutes Rd	Palo Cedro
Alta Mesa Church of Christ/Annex behind	3504 Alta Mesa Dr	Redding
Alta Mesa School/Cafeteria	2301 Saturn Skyway	Redding
Bonnyview Baptist Church	2570 S Bonnyview Rd	Redding
Christian Life Center		
Enterprise School District Office	1155 Mistletoe Ln	Redding
Faith Assembly Church		
First Christian Church	3590 Placer St	Redding
Grace Presbyterian Church	2095 El Verano St	Redding
Hilltop Estates Retirement Residence		
Jesus Name Apostolic Church		
Jones Valley Fire Station	14680 Ravine Rd	Redding
Juniper Academy/Room 17		
Lassen View School/Gym-Cafeteria	705 Loma Vista Dr	Redding
Martin Luther King Memorial Center		
Mistletoe School/Library	1225 Mistletoe Ln	Redding
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church	3961 Alta Mesa Dr	Redding
Mountain View Middle School/Library	675 Shasta View Dr	Redding

Neighborhood Church of Redding		
New Day Church		
New Life Center/Fellowship Hall		
Oakdale Heights West		
Pacheco School		
Redding Christian Fellowship	2157 Victor AveRedding	
Redding Family Masonic Center	195 Masonic AveRedding	
Redding Fire Station #2	3491 Placer StRedding	
Redding Fire Station #3	4255 Westside RdRedding	
Redding Fire Station #4	2605 S Bonnyview RdRedding	
Redding Fire Station #5/Enter from School St	955 Hartnell AveRedding	
Redding Fire Station #6	1695 Beltline RdRedding	
Redding Fire Station #8	131 Churn Creek RdRedding	
Redding School District Office/Training Room	5885 E Bonnyview RdRedding	
River Oaks Retirement Residence	301 Hartnell AveRedding	
Rocky Point Charter School/Gym	3500 Tamarack DrRedding	
Sequoia Middle School/Performance Center	1805 Sequoia StRedding	
Seventh Day Adventist Church	2828 Eureka WayRedding	
Shasta Meadows School/Library	2825 Yana Ave Redding	
Sierra Oaks Senior Living	1520 Collyer DrRedding	
Simpson University/Heritage Life Center/HC3	2211 College View DrRedding	
St James Lutheran Church	2500 Shasta View DrRedding	
St Joseph Church/Basement	2040 Walnut StRedding	
Sycamore School/Rm 6/ Westwood Manor	1926 Sycamore DrRedding	
The Vineyard Clubhouse	1815 Vineyard TrlRedding	
Trinity Lutheran Church	2440 Hilltop DrRedding	
Twin View Assembly of God Church	621 Twin View BlvdRedding	
Valley Christian Fellowship/Fellowship Hall	3180 Rancho RdRedding	
Vineyard City Church	3276 Bechelli LnRedding	
Westside Church of Redding	8780 Swasey Dr Redding	
Mountain Community Center	29775 State Hwy 299 E Round M	1tn
Shasta Union Elementary School		
Church of Christ	Cor. Deer Creek/Vallecito . Shasta L	ake
John Beaudet Senior Community Center	1525 Median AveShasta L	ake
Pine Grove Fire Station	5220 Akrich StShasta L	ake
Shasta Lake Bible Fellowship Church	19200 Fellowship Way Shasta L	ake
Shasta Lake Fire Station	4126 Ashby Ct Shasta L	ake
Open Door Community Church	33883 State Highway 44Shingleto	own
Shingletown Volunteer Fire Dept	31990 State Highway 44 Shingleto	own
Whitmore Volunteer Fire Dept	30480 Boggs Ln Whitmor	е